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SUBJECT: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE: SUMMARY OF SECOND MEETING

1. FIFTH COMMITTEE HELD ITS ORGANIZING MEETING SEPT. 28, ELECTING BY ACCLAMATION AS VICE-CHAIRMAN MOLTENI (ARGENTINA) AND KEMAL (PAKISTAN), AND AS RAPPORTEUR NASON (IRELAND).

2. SUGGESTED WORK PROGRAM CONTAINED IN A/C.5/31/L.3 WAS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE WITH TWO AMENDMENTS. ON INSISTENCE OF ALGERIA, SECONDED BY KUWAIT, ITEM 100 (SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS) WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL LATE OCTOBER. NO REASON GIVEN EXCEPT FOR IMPORTANCE OF ITEM. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT ITEM 94 (UN FINANCIAL EMERGENCY) WOULD BE TAKEN UP AS SOON AS NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT IS READY AND NOT NECESSARILY LEFT TILL END OF SESSION. COMMITTEE AGREED NOT TO HOLD GENERAL DEBATE.

3. SOME DELS WISHED ITEM 93 (MEDIUM TERM PLAN) DELAYED FOR A WHILE BECAUSE OF ITS VOLUMINOUS NATURE, BUT IN THE END THERE WAS A CONSENSUS THAT IT WOULD BE THE LEAD-OFF ITEM.

4. QUESTIONS WERE ASKED BY A NUMBER OF DELS ABOUT OTHER ITEMS, INCLUDING POLAND AND BYELORUSSIA WHO ASKED ABOUT SYG REPORT PURSUANT TO LAST YEAR'S POLISH RES ON ELIMINATION OF MARGINAL AND OBSOLETE ACTIVITIES. COMMITTEE SECRETARY REPLIED THERE WOULD BE NO SUCH REPORT SINCE THIS WAS ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THE MEDIUM TERM PLAN AND IN THE PROGRESS REPORT TO BE ISSUED LATER.

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BELGIUM ASKED WHETHER SECRETARIAT COULD PROVIDE COMPACT LIST OF

ADD-ONS TO PROGRAM BUDGET WHICH HAVE BEEN PROPOSED SO FAR.
CONTROLLER DEBATIN REPLIED THAT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ARE CARE-
FULLY SPELLED OUT IN REPORTS ON EACH ITEM.

5. CHAIRMAN MUNTASIR (LIBYA) MADE OPENING REMARKS IN ARABIC, THEN
SWITCHED TO ENGLISH FOR REMAINDER OF MEETING.

6. NEXT MEETING -- FRIDAY MONRING OCTOBER 1. ITEM 93 (MEDIUM TERM
PLAN) WILL BE TAKEN UP. IF TIME IS AVAILABLE, ITEM 102 (PERSONNEL
QUESTIONS -- COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT) WILL ALSO BE INITIATED.
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